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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 1100 and 1500 on 11 March 1955, one An-2 aircraft was observe^{25X1} at Rothenburg airfield. There was no air activity nor was any activity observed at the field. Soviet sentries armed with submachine guns patrolled along the border of the installation. Their serive color could not be observed since they wore cloaks.

2. an unknown number of "Il-26" jet aircraft ^{25X1} was stationed at Rothenburg airfield. Approximately 6 months before, aircraft shaped like an arrow had allegedly been seen at the field. Since the departure of these aircraft there was considerably less activity at the field. ~~Parachute~~ jumps were were occasionally made from the An-2^{25X1} aircraft.

 Comment. According to a previous report, several aircraft possibly ^{25X1} MiG-15s were stationed at Rothenburg airfield in November 1954. *
 . In early 1955, Il-28s, referred to as Il-26s in the present report, were temporarily stationed in Rothenburg. ^{25X1}
 construction work at Rothenburg airfield was meanwhile been completed and that construction personnel left the field. A rail shipment reportedly arrived in Rothenburg coming from the USSR both on 20 and 26 March 1955. It is assumed that, in connection with the continuous arrival of air units in the Soviet Zone Germany since mid-March 1955, Rothenburg airfield has been ^{25X1} occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit. ^{25X1}

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